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The reply filed on 19 November 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The reply cancels all pending claims and introduces new claims drawn to a new and patentably distinct invention. The invention of the cancelled claims is a method of screening that results in the identification of combinations of compounds that cause an effect on test cells that is different from the effect of a compound of the combination by itself. The invention of the newly added claims is a method for discovering a desired combination of compounds that results in the identification of combinations of compounds that effect a biological property of test cells in a way that is indicative of the potential for therapeutic efficacy. The method of the newly added claims includes additional method steps not present in the cancelled claims (method step (e), for example), and does not include the arrays of the cancelled claims. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Tomas Friend, Art Unit 1639, whose telephone number is (703) 308-4548. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang, can be reached at (703) 306-3217. The FAX phone number for group 1600 is (703) 308-4242. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

  
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